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The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1893.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK MEETING.

It was our intention this afternoon to have published in the *Telegraph* a criticism of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's latest half-yearly report and of the proceedings at to-day's meeting. But we reckoned without our host. With the report, so far as it goes, and on its face it is undeniably satisfactory, no difficulty stopped the way; but the position taken up by the Chairman, Mr. H. Hopkiss, address to the shareholders, in which he posed as a Silver Proprietor and champion whitewasher of that infallible and immaculate immortal, Mr. Thomas Jackson, in addition to other things equally foolish, compels us to hold over our valuable opinions until Monday, in order that we may devote the Holy Sabbath to earnest research and silent prayer. That Hongkong has undoubtedly been for a long time past and is now in a parlous condition commercially is beyond dispute, but that could hardly justify the Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—who, by the way, is a German, whose position in such an institution, without any reference to his recent appearance in the *Taipei* coolie emigration case, is to say the least anomalous—in going out of his way to vilify a certain system of alleged reckless speculation—and of course all the promoters of that system who suffered through other people's dishonesty—from which the Bank, on paper at least, must have coined a mint of money. However, we shall be better able to deal fairly with the entire matter in our next issue. Meanwhile, we think that Mr. Hopkiss should at once resign every position he holds as director in a British public company.

TELEGRAMS.

SILVER DISCUSSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, August 18th.
Unsuccessful debates are proceeding in both the American Senate and House of Representatives, producing little more than the repetition of time-honoured arguments. The United States Treasury continues to refuse to purchase silver except at the price ruling in London.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TRIPS for the Mile Handicap at next Saturday's Gymkhana close to Capt. Thomas, the energetic Secretary, to-night.

Thy—What's the matter?
Beilin Blot—Meln Gott! I have trunk run rillon of stale beer by mistake!

Thus the editor of a local contemporary is—"Talk about turkeys! If anybody wants to see a turkey just let him step into this office."

Mr. McElm—Doctor, what shall I do to make my limbs larger?

Surgeon—Wear four or five pairs of stockings.

A CASE of gross cruelty to animals at Kowloon is likely to attract attention in the Police Court within the next day or two. We prefer not to enter into details at present.

TWO Chinese, hailing somewhere from the North, were fined \$5 apiece by Mr. Hastings at the Magistrate's Court for loitering near one of the batteries at Stone-cutters' Island without a permit. They described themselves as "doctors."

THE *Victor Emanuel's* Variety Company will give their final performance of the "Trafalgar Tableau," etc., etc., at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, to-night, in aid of the "Victoria" Fund. New scenes and original jokes are promised, and no doubt the show will be substantially patronised.

MR. J. MICHAEL, the murder of whose wife, at a place called Patriu, was recently recorded, returned to Bangkok from the scene of the murder on the 9th inst., and reported that all his household property, fowls and 17 bullocks had been carried off by the marauders. No captures have yet been made.

MAGISTRATE—Then you admit having struck your wife on the head with a chair so violently that the chair was broken.

Prisoner—Yes, your worship.

"Well, are you at least sorry for what you have done?"

"Certainly; the chair was as good as new."

The death, at Bangkok on the 8th inst., of Mr. L. A. Abrahamson is announced. The deceased was a German by birth but eventually became a naturalised British subject and had been connected more or less closely with Siam for the past 25 years. He was attacked with illness and succumbed after a fortnight's illness. The deceased was 65 years of age.

THE "champion second" of reports and statements of accounts that three years ago he would have laughably "pooh-poohed," Mr. John D. Humphreys to wit, was quite at his best at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank meeting this afternoon. He was at his wits' end when he would appoint him a Director of the Bank so long ago; perhaps the word old "sport" is hedging! If so, he is doing it very badly.

MOST of the Danish officers who were engaged by the Siamers during the war, as well as those previously in the service of the Government, have had their commissions cancelled and have been temporarily shelved. A Bangkok contemporary says that it is thought the French may institute a civil action against at least one of the Danish defendants of Paknam. This course, if followed, would be but another means of making the Siamers row.

SAYS the *N. Y. Maritime Register*—Ship-owners may ignore the ship-brokers, and now and then serve a little commission. But whether this is politic or not, is another question. A ship-broker's lot is not a happy one and he generally works hard for what commission he gets. Like every other sensible man in business he studies the interests of those who trust their affairs to him and they are the gallers in the end, even though they forego saving a commission by having a broker.

THERE is an impression abroad, says the *San Francisco Bulletin*, that in case the Behring Sea Arbitration goes against Great Britain, the whole world will be in a state of commotion. There is no law to compel a nation to accept the verdict. There is no matter here of one consent. But it would be exceedingly ungracious of a nation to refuse to abide by the findings of a tribunal which was most forward in bringing into being. It is hardly probable that she contemplates anything of the kind. The strengthening of her naval force in the Pacific is presumably due to the extension of her commercial interests in this part of the world and to a general policy.

THE *Siam Observer* of the 9th, states that a Chinese sailor who savagely assaulted another member of the crew of the steamship *Phra Nang*, at Bangkok, a few days previously, was brought up before Mr. French on the 8th. Captain Watton described the severe case, and stated that the prisoner had come out of goal. Sentences of three months' imprisonment was imposed, and as, at the end of that time, the Hongkong police will probably want him, our contemporary surmises that the murder will have to be postponed.

ROLL up in regiments! the show will shortly commence. A sporting correspondent informs us that a sensational spar to a finish, with the ordinary "docks," will shortly be brought to an issue, the combatants being Mr. R. C. Hurley, Secretary of the Shamien Hotel Co., Ltd., and Mr. Granville Sharr, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong Daily News Co., Ltd. The encounter will be a catch-weight and the stakes at issue include the Canton milk supply, the gratuitous washing of a fair quantity of dirty linen, and the free advertisement of an institution that has hitherto existed on sham philanthropy. The date of this interesting encounter has, we understand, not yet been fixed; but if the Odds Gate may be accepted as a reliable authority, Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., will second the Shamien Hotel Bantam, whilst Dr. Jas. Canille, with Mr. A. J. Leach as bottle-holder, will act the needful for the Milk-and-Water Butlers. Full details later on.

THE international polo match at Causeway Bay yesterday was an immense success—from the spectators' point of view alone—owing to the attendance of the *Rina Cristiana's* band and an orchestral orchestra from "the Heleas." The ladies were present in larger numbers than usual, and highly appreciated the musical treat so considerably provided by the chivalrous Castilians of the Spanish cruiser; but the effect on the ponies was not infinitely more amusing to those who were not playing than it could have been to the contestants. Animals usually reliable were wild and unmanageable to a degree, and it was as much as the members of the teams could do to keep their seats; playing the game was out of the question, for even men who had never been known to miss a shot could do nothing but bungle horribly, and narrow escapes were the order of the day, though fortunately no accident of any importance has been recorded. The teams were as published some time ago, except that Dr. Rowley replaced May. I the end, Scotland was beaten by two to one, the two being scored in the first quarter and the single in the last. Bagpipes may as well fight with golf, but with polo—again!

THE mercantile and armed navies of the world employ 1,693,000 seamen.

RAJAH BROOKS, of Sarawak, arrived at Singapore on the 18th inst., en route to Europe. He proceeds in the M. M. steamship *Ozma*.

Reporter of *Daily Post*—Lieut. Jones' wife presented him with a boy last night.

Editor—Thank goodness! An item of news at last!

THE *Phuang Gazette* learns that the Governor of Achen has sent an ultimatum to the Achinese at Simpang Olim, demanding the surrender of the prisoners taken by them from the steamer *Rajah Kongsu Atjah*.

We read that the President of a London Medical Society has exhibited a leper under process of cure! Treatment: small doses of arsenic and abstinence from fish diet. A still better cure—Large doses of arsenic.

THE Salvation Army, which was organized in 1872, has now more than 10,000 officers, holds 13,000,000 religious meetings a year, publishes thirty-three weekly, and fifteen monthly papers, and has an income equal to about \$4,000,000.

THE German steamer *Daphne* arrived at Singapore from Hamburg on the 18th inst., with 450 cases of gunpowder for that port. What quantity of the consignment was intended to blow the French out of Siam is not mentioned.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH.—The Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside vessels holding code pennant C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

A father with eight marriageable daughters advertised as a last resource to get them off his hands. He received the following telegram: "Am a bachelor and wealthy. Will gladly marry one of your daughters. Send a sample at once."

THE inhabitants of Tsuruga, in Echizen Province, Japan, in view of the increased trade and importance of the place which is expected to result from the construction of the Hokokuro railway, have decided to petition Parliament next session to open Tsuruga as a special port of export.

THE *Siam Free Press* of the 8th inst. states that news from the interior is not satisfactory. Armed gangs roam at large and appropriate what falls in their way. Respect for constituted authority appears to be falling off considerably. The Governor of Nakorn has received a bullet in his back the other week, which will keep him on his bed for some time to come.

"Did you win that breach of promise case you conducted?" asked Justice's friend.
"No," answered the young lawyer blithely.
"My client insisted upon appearing in court."
"And then?"
"When the jury saw her they brought in a verdict of temporary mental aberration on the part of the defendant."

THE Siamers would seem to be a decidedly patriotic race, for we read that no less than 12,431,314 were collected in aid of their Red Cross Society up to the end of June last. Of this amount *Teak* 198,174.56 were expended on medicines etc., a considerable sum was reserved for emergencies and the balance was invested in local railway stocks.

MINING EXPERT BECHER, of Poulton notoriety, and another Gold Mining *Exhibit*. The *Singapore Free Press* of August 17th, says—"As the gold mining syndicate carrying on prospecting operations at Mt. Ophir has collapsed, Mr. H. M. Becher, has proceeded to (1) sell the machinery in connection with the disposal of the Company's machinery and other property."

It is said that Edwin Booth's favorite lines were those, in the second scene of the fifth act of "Hamlet": "We defy augury. There's a special providence in the fall of a sparrow. If it be now 'tis not to come; if it be not to come, it will be now; if it be not now yet it will come; the readiness is all. Since no man knows what he leaves, what let us leave be lievers?"

THE *Siam Free Press* observes that much dissatisfaction exists among the ship-masters trading to Bangkok owing to the dangerous position of the sunken junk at the mouth of the Mekong river. They were, of course, the object of blocking the river, and the French, but now that peace has been patched up they are no longer needed and are a source of danger and inconvenience.

It may interest the Hongkong Retrenchment Commission (when it becomes a fact) that the average salary of the civil servants of the Government of South Australia is £250 annually. Of 8,400 persons employed, only 200 receive less than £200 a year. These statistics are interesting considering what has been said and done in Hongkong on the same subject during the past three years.

FROM its latest exhibition of "caniness," the inference is inevitable that the famous "ling" of Kirkcaldy hasn't any joy to it. An official banquet was arranged by the Town Council on the noble "Dook" of York's second "wedding" day—tickets four shillings each—but it had to be abandoned owing to the fact that tickets had been taken only by the Provost, Town-Clerk, and two burgesses.

THE gallant old "Sineback" is still remembered in the East. The Singapore Sporting Club has just received the officers of that Regatta, which is now stationed at Colchester, with a very handsome silver bowl, valued at £100, in recognition of the support and encouragement they invariably extended to every kind of sport during their sojourn in Singapore. The presentation was made by a member of the Club now in England, and the gift was acknowledged by cable on the 10th inst.

SAYS the *Siam Observer* of the 3rd inst.—The house of a British ship, named *Walmond*, who is the son of an old naval captain in the Siam service, and has had an indigo and sugar-cane plantation at Lakon Chasse for the past nine months, was attacked by a gang of some fifteen robbers the other morning. Walmond nobly cleared out, leaving his wife and two children recently confined. The thieves stole forty-three items and all Walmond's clothes. He is now being, attired in a *serong*, seeking dress and refuge.

A NATURALIST, who must by some means or other have got hold of a Saturday's issue of the *China South*, recently declared that we are wrong in ascribing animal intelligence to the animals of the sea. "It is not," he says, "the animal which is intelligent; it is the man who is intelligent and he is the man who is the animal." He is a bit of a philosopher, and a capacity for mischief, and that is the most human part of him. But the animal that really knows the most, or is capable of being taught, is the dog. It is the dog that is the most intelligent of all animals, and it is the dog that is the most useful to man. It is the dog that is the most loyal, and it is the dog that is the most faithful. It is the dog that is the most loving, and it is the dog that is the most devoted. It is the dog that is the most intelligent, and it is the dog that is the most useful. It is the dog that is the most loyal, and it is the dog that is the most faithful. 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carrying the good ship through the storm. I do not know that I need say any more, except to repeat that I have great pleasure in seconding the motion that the report and accounts be adopted and passed.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Bellios, seconded by Mr. Shewan, the appointment of Messrs. Keswick, McConachie, and Joseph as directors was confirmed.

This was all the business before the meeting, the Chairman announcing that dividend warrants would be ready on Monday.

A vote of thanks to the directors, manager, and staff, proposed by Mr. Dodwell, and briefly acknowledged by the Chairman, concluded the proceedings.

HONGKONG ON IRISH HOME RULE.

We have just received the result of the ballot taken in this colony on the great question of Irish Home Rule. It is as follows:—

For the Home Rule Bill 159
Against 123

Against a majority of 123 in favor of the latter, the time-serving of the Marquis of Salisbury (who was a decent sort of chap when he had to work for his living as the Hon. Bob Cecil) and his obsequious followers, Balfour and the Bismarckian turncoat Joe Chamberlain.

One hundred and ninety-five votes out of a total British population of about four thousand, can scarcely be accepted as a reliable indication of Hongkong opinion; 159 votes against Home Rule, with only 123 in favor of it, is a trustworthy indication of what this colony desires. If our old friends the Irishists had been in garb here, and numbered one thousand strong, about nine hundred and ninety-five of them would have registered in favor of that inviolable right which unfeignedly and down-trodden Ireland has, by force of arms, and the equivalent of the once Almighty Dollar, been deprived of for centuries.

But it so happens that there is an English regiment, the Gallant Strathgordon, in the colony, and even if they had been permitted to register their votes, we don't for a moment imagine that they would have sufficient interest in the question to take the trouble to tramp from the Barracks to the Hongkong Hotel.

Brute force is a feeble agent against power of intellect. Will the promoter of this ballot favor the Hongkong Telegraph with the names of those who respectively voted for and against Home Rule in Ireland? If so, we will publish the list and analyze the right to have anything to say on the question. At present our candid opinion is that there are 159 thick-headed Irish in Hongkong, who only came here because their lack of brains prevented them from earning a honest living elsewhere.

At home they were incoordinated and illiterate clerks and assistants, earning from a pound to thirty shillings a week; in Hongkong they are distant relations to "Dook," members of the "Princely House" and the "Club," law-tenants and clerks, running a high racket at suburban resorts. "Maah" married women in a sort of English that would inevitably lead to their being kicked out of any decent middle-class English household, and dignified manhood generally. Further, they—but we have said enough; you can never make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

We registered our vote, purely as a matter of principle—Hongkong "dudes" are not troubled with that common-sense for Home Rule, but our honest opinion is that the Irish people are the best judges of the form of Government required for their country, and to them, and them alone, should be left the decision.

MORPHINE VERSUS OPIUM.

THE "TELEGRAPH'S" INVESTIGATIONS.

A carefully-conducted series of house-to-house visits among the morphia diavns, amplified by investigations into the private consumption of the various other narcotics, such as pills, powders, tablets, and liquid preparations, which do not figure so prominently in a mere casual inquiry because their consumption does not necessitate any particular apparatus, such as injections or smoking would need, and such as the poorer class of opium find it more convenient to get at a public house than to keep for themselves at home—all these matters having been most thoroughly sought out and sifted, a careful investigation shows that the available evidence is all of the same kind. A visit to the diavns at No. 11, Kwai-Wa Lane, for example, is exactly like a visit to No. 2, East Street, which formed the subject of the first article in this series; the information to be got at the two is identical. In East Street is mere repetition, and just the same can be had at the place in New Street, at Shui-ki-wan, or in fact almost word for word at any of the diavns. Go into any Chinese house in the Colony, and put the same series of questions to any of the inmates as far as they are able to tell anything, it will be the same in every case.

The representative of the Hongkong Telegraph has spoken to numbers of Chinese of all sorts—coolies, clerks, as they are the patrons of the morphia diavns, and in every case the answers were fully reproduced in a former article; the answers were for the same effect as what were then given. First, the managers of the morphia injection shops—of course, they spoke strongly in favor of the "cure"; some of them had been opium-smokers, according to their own and their friends' statements, but were not now, nor were they morphia victims, since morphia was not the cause of their ailments, and it was easily seen that all their injection marks were old; while, on the other hand, they did not look at all like "opium fiends." So much for the diavns-keepers. Next the customers were examined, and they all expressed implicit faith in the cure, as they had all known cases where it had succeeded, and they all professed themselves as already feeling less and less enslaved by the vice of opium-smoking, while yet not willing victims to the remedy.

Going deeper, investigations among the customers of the morphia diavns fully corroborate the evidence already adduced—that if there is any faith in the word of a man who claims to have got rid of a vice, and, rightly or wrongly, opium-smoking does seem to be regarded by them as a vice, and it certainly is when carried to excess) then on their statements there is much virtue in the morphia injection cure. There is no need to fill columns after columns of the Telegraph with superfluous repetitions of the same story; if it is true in one case, it is true in all, and if it is unreliable in one case, the rest are nowise different.

So much, then, for the injection diavns; on their merits let them stand or fall. The larger question of the other cures which are not practised in public places is much more difficult to investigate. Private inquiries, however, seem to bear out the title of the consumer, what was stated by the dispensary people—that all the antidotes to opium, or rival preparations, or whatever they may be considered, the morphia injection business is really by far the smallest part, though of course it is at present only a new thing and still growing. But it, from its being

of a less private nature, it is to be supposed, that will really make it the or no difference. The Chinese will simply fly to something else which cannot be suppressed. Narcotics they will have, and they will not be tied down to any one particular brand of poison.

SOME LONDON EXPERIENCES.

BY A HONGKONG GRIFFIN.

How did I enjoy my holiday at home and my stay in London? Fairly well, old chap; but perhaps, since you also contemplate, should a favorable chance present itself, making a trip home in a good old sailing ship to that wonderful city, you may benefit by hearing a few of my somewhat varied experiences.

Well, my life was one continuous source of trouble and anxiety after the good ship *Rainbow* arrived in the East India Docks after a fair passage of five months from the distant shores of Far Cathay. The hawseers were no sooner made fast than a motley crowd of Pharisees and Philistines came swarming aboard the ship like so many emissaries of poverty and dirt; in fact, a regular interlarding of all nationalities—probably the tribe of Levi most conspicuous among them.

The proverbial time-honored Moses came creeping and slithering up like a conger-eel, leaping "want to buy a real salt-water cheap—so cheap, too, and so good wearing!" And assuring him that my wants in the line were already supplied, he turned on his heel and exclaimed indignantly "Then you was velle vor so good a chance." That was my first introduction to this immortal type of humanity in the Modern Babylon.

In vain I searched for the steward, whom I had entrusted with the key of my cabin previous to my arrival, but eventually found him busily engaged in a hot dispute with the cook, who had apparently been trying to drive a bargain with some bone and grease merchants, to sell his slush, of which he had three full casks that had been most offensive to our noses during his accumulation on the passage home, and had also been the cause of continuous "rows" between the cook, the steward and some of the forecastle men.

I was anxious to quit all connections with Father Neptune, and there ore had my luggage landed on the wharf at once. It was immediately surrounded by nondescript loafers, packet-rats and a vast assembly of Poplar street-arabs: one whole suit of clothes would have covered them all, for their clothes—or rather rags—were patched most ingeniously, forming a kind of tattered tapestry, worked in with remnants of old topsails, blankets, sheets and gunny bags. But the colorful blended pretty well with the wall of the colored suits in the window, and they had undergone a batch of early ruffians fought doggedly over my few belongings, whilst a number of good-humored scamps, leaning a lip in the near distance, raved off for a cab. The back view of them was very amusing—all rags and pennants fluttering in the breeze, now and again almost hidden from view by dust clouds.

Soon they returned, following my conveyance, and jabbering and swearing in a devil-may-care manner until their attention was arrested by the official movements of an opposition party, who seized my "bags and traps," and launched them "about the four-wheeler" with such dispatch as to nearly carry away the roof.

I felt regularly dazed at the hubbub around me and made one clean "bolt" into the vehicle, but not before disposing of three shillings for the alleged services rendered. Away the old four-wheeler rattled, closely pursued by at least a dozen of these sturdy vagabonds—all on the war path, who thrust their dirty heads and then their faces in the window, and as we arrived at the "Dock Gate," to my utter dismay my flight was completely barred by two officious policemen who requested me to show them my luggage and disarm myself of all tobacco and cigars that I might have concealed about me. I happened to have a pass, so two shillings, judiciously bestowed, settled the matter—and then, too, for, indeed, they looked different men. As each man pocketed his "bob," that fierce official look faded away, and their rubicund faces, glistening with sweat and smiles, were turned to me in grateful humiliation and respect. Such was my triumphant entry into London!

'London, the nobby villa's home, The common sewer of Paris and of Rome; With eager thrills, by folly or by fate, Sucks in the dregs of each corrupted state! Strange city! It seemed to me that no mighty accumulation of bricks, shipping, smoke and—just but not least, ill-clad dusky rascals. Soon I became more reconciled to the place. My eyes became less sharp, my nose less sensitive, and my ears seasoned to the strange wild noises of whistles, organs, carts, buses, trams, and the summer air discordant notes that all mingle together in one beautiful chorus, howling from daylight to dawn on the unboldest mediocrity that ever Nature composed to cheer a wanderer's heart.

On my way to Poplar station wondrous scenes of depravity met my distracted gaze. Being innocent and inexperienced in the ways of the great world, I hesitantly wished myself back in the calmer waters, close to that far-off shore in the sunny Far East, or even in Timbuctoo. Old mothers and weather-beaten vagabonds of every class and colour crowded the pavements, with the girls and elderly women they had once left behind but had now returned to. And they were, no doubt, very much overcome with emotion and Scotch whisky, for some of them were rolling and shouting one way, others tackling along another, the gentlemen sometimes getting in the centre of the road to raise their hats and have some of the best black-eye upon some passing acquaintance. Every tavern had a number of similar ornaments and advertisements standing or lolling outside, smoking or chewing; while now and again sweet music of "The Lost Chord" pattern was rendered *pro bono publico* by some ambitious ex-Italian organ-grinder.

On alighting at the rustic station of Poplar, boot-blacks and match-vendors gave me a hearty welcome, and a very interesting porter removed my effects, with unobtrusive grace, whilst my troubles, however, were by no means at an end, for the cabman turned out to be a regular out-and-out Tartar. I gave him two shillings for my seven minutes' jollity, and then quietly walked into the station. The usual followed me and commenced using some of the most select language, which it is impossible to describe in the columns of a family paper like the *Telegraph*. I refused to give him another cent, and that he upset his cab, and that his coat seemed to drop from his back as he "shelled it off," and his arms—his "props" and "docks" as he called them—went up mechanically to a very pugilistic attitude, which shocked me out of another "bob." Even now when thinking of that interview—

"I feel my sinews slacken with the fright, And a cold sweat trickles down o'er all my wits, As I were dissolving into water!"

Do not think me a coward! I felt myself disgracefully imposed upon by a vicious and stalwart two-to-one-bar-one character; but concluded that "prudence was the better part of valour," as I had no wish to meet my friends with two black eyes or a broken nose. But when he left—when he had driven his rickety old four-wheeler away in triumph, my pride and my good-nature felt the direct injury, my long suppressed rage burst forth and I should perhaps have gone out to find him, but my train arrived

just in good time, so, at one bound I entered the carriage with such passionate force that nothing could resist it and I knocked an old gentleman's hat into the eyes of an elderly lady whose glasses were shivered into atoms on the floor. She took my card. Such was my departure from Poplar.

On arriving at Division I went in search of lodgings. From one door I seemed like a foot-pat. The various landladies of select and comfortably furnished rooms certainly did not approve of my untidy face and untidy untidy appearance. Some asked diverse rude questions and all had a mercenary—a decided L.S.D. look imparted on their faces. However, I tried a different locality and, knocking at a door, was answered by a pleasant old lady with "ferret eyes and crackling china," who would have been drowned as a witch in the good old times had she not been acquainted with Mother Hopkins. She showed me the elegant apartments she had to let, and after some palaver I agreed to her terms. Since then my stay in England has by no means improved my health or looks; for about three days after my arrival I went to a grand demonstration in Hyde Park, and returned home with the two much-dreaded black eyes, which I received for "telling a man that he had no conscience, and mines a new silk hat, a silver-mounted stick and overcoat. Never shall I forget the manner in which those Cockney natives treated me. After escaping from their rapacious clutches I certainly thought of sending in a bill for damages to the Grand Old Man, who to my mind—I am a strong anti-Home Ruler, seemed to be at the top and bottom of everything.

That was a most comfortable little house in Dalton, but very dull. The rear view was monotonous in the extreme, for it looked over a vast number of back-paths, and I looked daily with washing and small children. So what with such a *belle perspective* and the numerous street organs, I had quite a lively time of it. At night my rest was always disturbed; for so many clocks solemnly tolled the hour of midnight, a frightful series of wild cries and hisses from the throats of innumerable cats rent the air. Our back-walk seemed to be their favourite rendezvous for marriages and scurrilousness, and there they met, night after night, sitting and wallowing worse than a multitude of small babies. I threw boots and other heavier missiles at them, but to no purpose. The police, at that time, had very strict orders that all dogs that were prowling about without muzzles in the streets, unaccompanied by their attendants, were to be locked up. Why did they not extend their restrictions to cats and have them all gagged or confined? That would have been a great charity! For these loquacious and quarrelsome animals do more harm to one's mental faculties than all the canine species in creation. Whilst writing this I begin to fancy that I can hear their preliminary overtures, accompanied by one of those obnoxious musical boxes on wheels which vomits out "Madame Angot"—*Oha! j'en suis est.*

THE NEW STEAMSHIP LINE FROM SEATTLE TO THE EAST.

STRAIMERS TO BE BUILT IN ENGLAND.

The Victoria (B.C.) Daily Colonist of July 22nd gives the following particulars regarding the proposed Great Northern line of steamers to be run between Puget Sound and Far Eastern ports, under the auspices of Messrs. Samuel, Samuels & Co., of Yokohama and London:—

Mr. F. C. Davidge, who has been in St. Paul for the past few weeks making arrangements with President Hill, of the Great Northern Railway, for the establishment of a new steamship line between the Sound and Oriental ports, has returned home, having been successful in his efforts. As Mr. Davidge is a Victorian, he has looked after this city's interests, inasmuch as he will have Victoria one of the principal ports of call for the steamships. Mr. Davidge says all agreements entered upon so far have been very satisfactory, and the final one, to complete the negotiations, was signed in the presence of Mr. Samuel, head of the firm of Samuel, Samuels & Co., who came from London to St. Paul especially for that purpose. There can, perhaps, be no better idea of the arrangements given than that which Mr. Davidge expressed in an interview while he was in Seattle. It is as follows:—"I have been twice to St. Paul, and, after two months' time, finally succeeded in closing arrangements with Mr. Hill. Our agreement is such that the interests of Seattle merchants have also been consulted, so that they can ship to intermediate points on the railway at the same rates as we can, as it is the terminal Eastern points that we are reaching for. We will run steamships direct from England to Seattle, with a short call by Victoria. In Seattle the firm of Samuel, Samuels & Co. will have their coast office, of which F. C. Davidge & Co. will have charge. All outgoing shipments, such as lumber, fish, etc., will be from this port.

"The real pick of tea is about over now, so that it is not likely that the first steamship will reach here before September. We will then catch the season on the lakes and run about every month. During the winter months, say December for the Seattle, with a short call by Victoria, to Seattle, we will run about every two weeks. If occasion or trade demands, they will be started oftener, as it is not proposed to run them at any stated times. We will either use our own or chartered ships for the present, whichever may be better. "We had arranged to put ships on this line a few weeks ago, but as the negotiations with the railway company were delayed the ships were otherwise chartered. Orders have been placed in England for the Seattle, with a short call by May at Seattle and to be used exclusively on the Seattle run. When finished they will be the only complete freight carriers on the Pacific. They will have a capacity of 4,000 tons, and will carry long length lumber, such as no other vessel on that line can now do.

"This will result in building up an immense lumber trade for the Sound country, as there is, and has been, a fair market on the other shores that has never been supplied because the ships couldn't carry the lengths desired. Eighty or ninety feet lengths between decks will be carried by us. There will also be special compartments for carrying camphor and fish oils. This is impossible now, owing to the contamination with tea that would surely result. All that business we will have exclusively and run equal chances for the rest.

"Arrangements have also been made with the Great Northern Express Company for the transportation of mail and passengers. This will mean principally samples of a cargo which will be sent to various parts of the States.

"It will be the effort of Samuel, Samuels & Co. to reach every point on this continent and India. The ships will have accommodation for passengers, but it is not the intention to run them as racing vessels, for cargo is the end desired for the present. Shipments will reach New York a day sooner than by any other line. At West Superior the transfer will be made to the big lake boats and the run made from there to Buffalo in three and one-half days.

"The firm of Samuel, Samuels & Co., of Yokohama and London, are thoroughly reliable, and have immense interests. They have a fleet of ships running from Japan to New York, London and the Continent, and at odd times have run to San Francisco, the *Palmas* and *Manila*, which were there last summer, being two of Samuel's boats. They also carry oil from Russia to India,

China and Japan, having nine tank steamers afloat and twenty-one under contract, which will make a fleet representing an investment of three millions sterling."

Regarding the new steamships, Mr. Davidge says it will probably be next May before they are ready for service. Their construction has not yet been commenced, but the plans upon which they will be built will be got out immediately and submitted for inspection to the promoters of the line. The first ship, although it is not known what one she will be, is expected to arrive here from Hongkong via Yokohama some time during the last of August.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

The crops in Bulgaria are in a very bad state. Extraordinary heat has been prevalent all over Spain. The whole available German Army numbers 300,000 men. Alumina mining has proved profitable in Swaziland. The grain harvest in Thessaly promises to be exceptionally good. Queen Victoria has about forty pet dogs. Her greatest favorites are collies. An effort is to be made in Paris to bring about the repeal of the McKinley Tariff Act. The Sultan of Turkey sent the Duke of York a set of Indian furniture as a wedding present. The holders of the blackback boat for the American lakes are full of orders for the entire year. A test of a new smokeless powder at Bucharest proves that it does not choke the gun nor cause any recoil. The market price of a well-preserved mummy is about £24, according to a recent sale in London. The marked decrease of flat-fish in the North Sea is attributed to the great increase of steam trawling. The prison population of India is only 38 per 100,000 population, or less than half the ratio of Great Britain. New Zealand has set apart two islands for the preservation of its remarkable wild birds and other animals. Commercial treaties with Portugal, Sweden, Holland and Switzerland have been passed by the Spanish Cortes. Dr. Lappen, physician to the Pope, is quoted as saying that the Supreme Pontiff will live beyond sixty years. The Spanish Government will prosecute the Mayor of Palsburg for hiding the existence of cholera in that town. The French have launched a new submarine vessel. The new craft is called *Gustave-Zede*. She was built at Toulon. According to a colonial paper, "a young scion of the English peerage has just married a well-known Sydney barmaid."

Mining operations in South Africa are conducted to a great extent by the use of camels, instead of horses or mules.

Scorpi's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites is the most valuable remedy for Consumption, Scrofula, General Debility, Wasting Diseases of Children, Chronic Cough, and Bronchitis that has ever been produced. It is very fattening and strengthening. It will ease at once the most violent cough and will give both comfort and strength to the sufferer. It possesses the combined virtues of these popular remedies in the fullest form. Any Chemist can supply it. A. S. Watson & Co. (Limited), agents in Hongkong and China—(Adv.)

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Owing to the Great Success achieved by the "VICTOR EMANUEL" VARIETY CO.

They have decided to give One more PERFORMANCE THIS EVENING (SATURDAY), the 19th August, 1893. When NEW JOKES and SONGS will be introduced.

On this occasion the Theatre will be open at Popular Prices, viz:— To Dress Circle \$1. Other parts of House 50 Cents.

NO HALF-PRICE. Doors Open at 8.30 P.M.; Commence at 9 P.M.

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"HAILONG." Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 22nd instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 19th August, 1893. [926]

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By Order of the Court of Directors. T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 19th August, 1893. [924]

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS. CORPUS ORDERS by the Acting Commandant:—

No. 1.—During the ensuing week Drill will be carried on as under at HEADQUARTERS:— THURSDAY—MACHINE GUN COMPANY—Maxim Gun Drill 5.30 to 6.30 P.M.

It is hoped that a "Muster" suit of the New Uniform will be ready for inspection at that time. F. FERRARD, Acting Commandant, H.K.V. Corps. Hongkong, 19th August, 1893. [922]

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

PHONOGRAPHIC ENTERTAINMENT. Under the Distinguished Patronage of H.E. SIR W. R. B'NISON, K.C.M.G., Lady ROBINSON, FAMILY, and SUITE.

Next WEDNESDAY, August 23rd. PROF. SERS will give an ENTERTAINMENT in the Large Room of MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL (Peak), to begin at 9 P.M. Hongkong, 19th August, 1893. [925]

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Cargoes received for Storage, Insurances effected. Hongkong, 28th April, 1893. [170]

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HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, (Removed from SHELLEY STREET and BELLIOS TERRACE for Completion of Sale) at the AUCTION MART, 17, PRAYA CENTRAL, on MONDAY next, August 22nd, 1893, at 4.30 P.M.

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Intimations.

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